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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**JUNE 19, 2003**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council met in special session at the above place and date at 9:00 a.m., the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, John Cook, Daniel S. Power, Vivian Rojas, and Anthony Cobos. Absent: Paul J. Escobar

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**AGENDA**

1. a. Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Action Plan 2003-2004, including the 29<sup>th</sup> Year (2003-2004) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the FY 2003 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the FY 2003 HOME Grant Program Budgets and Program performance related to these Grant Programs.

b. Resolution adopting the Final Annual Action Plan 2003-2004, including the 29<sup>th</sup> Year (2003-2004) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the FY 2003 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the FY 2003 HOME Grant Program Budgets.

2. Resolution that the Mayor be authorized to sign and submit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the Annual Action Plan 2003-2004 and all certifications contained therein; and

That the Mayor be authorized to sign the Grant Agreements with HUD for the three entitlement grants covered by the Annual Action Plan: the Community Development Block Grant, the Emergency Shelter Grant and the HOME Grant Program; and

That the Mayor be authorized to sign Letters of Support, Certifications of Local Government Approval, and Certifications of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan required by HUD or the State of Texas for grant applications or applications for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or programs covered by the Consolidated Plan; and

That the Mayor be authorized to sign standard Social Service Grant, Housing Services Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, and Public Facility Project Contracts with the agencies approved for funding in the Annual Action Plan for 2003-2004, as approved by the City Attorney's Office and the Director of Community and Human Development; and

That the Mayor be authorized to sign all Environmental Assessments, Requests for Release of Funds, Certifications, and Performance Reports required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development for activities covered by the Consolidated Plan 2000-2005 and the Annual Action Plan 2003-2004.

Ms. Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk, opened the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

Ms. Debbie Hamlyn, Director of Community and Human Development, provided information pertaining to the Proposed Annual Action Plan 2003-2004, including the 29<sup>th</sup> Year (2003-2004) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the FY 2003 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the FY 2003 HOME Grant Program Budgets and Program.

Representative Austin stated that prior to the meeting, she had filed an affidavit with the City Clerk's office and noted that she would abstain from voting on any issues pertaining to the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, specifically agenda items 1 and 2.

Ms. Carmen Alarcon, citizen, questioned why the funding had decreased in reference to the Sun Country Recreation Parks projects. She thanked Sandy and Chyllo, instructors at the Armijo Recreation Center, for their dedication to the children of the community and providing a safe environment for them.

Ms. Rose Camarillo, citizen, concurred with comments made by Ms. Alarcon and commented that her 11 year-old great granddaughter especially like the "Fiesta Caliente" events.

Ms. Ann Kathryn Ogle, YWCA representative, explained the reasoning for the budget allocation and noted that the Armijo Recreation Center was under the umbrella of "Sun Country".

Mr. Doug Barnes, Parks & Recreation representative, addressed the budget allocation concerns raised by Ms. Alarcon and Ms. Camarillo and stated that recreation programs would continue at the Armijo Recreation Center. He provided answers to Representative Austin regarding funding allocations.

Mr. Robert Salinas, Social Services Administrator, Community & Human Development Department, further expounded on funding allocations for the Sun Country project.

Ms. Hamlyn noted that the Parks and Recreation Department provided monies to fund the Sun Country projects.

Representative Cobos requested Ms. Sandy Rodriguez, Armijo Recreation Center employee, comment on programs available at the Armijo Recreation Center.

Ms. Rodriguez provided information as per Representative Cobos' request and commented that monies from the private sector assisted in funding this year's Fiesta Caliente program.

Ms. Mary Ann Drolte, citizen, thanked Council Members for their continued financial support, specifically social service projects.

Ms. Marina Rios, citizen, commented on the current condition of the San Juan Senior Center and requested that a new Senior Center be built in the near future.

The City Clerk called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Austin and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution adopting the Final Annual Action Plan 2003-2004, including the 29<sup>th</sup> Year (2003-2004) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Power and carried to approve the FY 2003 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program.

Representative Austin abstained from the vote.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Power and unanimously carried to approve the FY 2003 HOME Grant Program Budgets.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Power and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 9:56 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk



Rita Rodriguez, City Attorney